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**Israeli Young Political Leaders to Visit U.S.  
District to be First Stop in Political Study Tour**

WASHINGTON – On Sunday, July 22, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) will welcome a delegation of seven young Israeli political leaders to Washington, D.C. as part of an eleven day political exchange program which will also include stops in Ohio and Georgia. Composed of delegates from across the Israeli political spectrum, this delegation will be the sixteenth Israeli ACYPL delegation to visit the United States since ACYPL began conducting exchanges with the Israel Youth Exchange Council (IYEC) and the State of Israel in 1993. During this time, over one hundred and twenty young political leaders from Israel have traveled to the United States on ACYPL exchanges.

**Who:** Young Israeli political leaders, including:

- **Ms. Keren Barak** (Kadima Party) - Owner and CEO, Contacti Strategic Consultation and Government Relations Company
- **Ms. Nily Charush** (Labor Party) - Senior Political Adviser, Mr. Eitan Cabel, Member of the Israeli Knesset
- **Mr. Dror Lalush** (Labor Party) - Deputy Mayor, City of Tiberias
- **Mr. Gil Messing** (Kadima Party) - Deputy Spokesperson, Kadima Party
- **Mr. Alon Rozen** (Labor Party) - Member, Yavne City Council
- **Ms. Adi Shay** (Meretz - Yachad Party) - Political/Legal Consultant, Mr. Avshalom Vilan, Member of the Israeli Knesset
- **Ms. Klarina Shpitz** (Pensioners Party) - Parliamentary Aide, Mr. Yitzhak Ziv, Deputy Knesset Speaker

**What:** Program highlights will include:

- Meetings and discussions with the U.S. Congress, the White House Homeland Security Council, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Arab American Institute and the National Association of Attorneys General.
- A reception at the National Trust for Historic Preservation with ACYPL alumni, members of the ACYPL Board of Trustees, State Department officials and representatives from the diplomatic community and non-profit organizations.

**When:** July 22-25, 2007

**Why:** The purpose of this program is to:

- Expose the delegates to the American political system at the national, state and local levels.
- Give the delegates a new perspective on American culture.
- Allow the delegates to engage in dialogue on international issues and forge professional relationships with their American counterparts.

***About The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)***

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni. Former ACYPL participants include 38 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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